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1. Attacks against the US owned Cyprus Mines Corporation and its Resident Director, Robert J. Hendricks, by the Communist newspaper "Neos Demokratikos" took a libelous turn in a series of articles published 21-27 August 1953. I heard [in September 1953] that the Resident 25X1A2g Director had asked an attorney to review the articles with the view of bringing legal action against the newspaper. [See [REDACTED]
2. On 23 Oct 53, through advocates G. N. Chryssafinis and George Polyvion, the Cyprus Mines Corporation and Robert J. Hendricks filed libel actions in the District Court of Nicosia against D. Galanos, editor of "Neos Demokratikos", Stelios Jacovides, manager of the newspaper, Nicos and Achilles Zavallis, printers of the newspaper, and the People's Agency through which "Neos Demokratikos" is distributed. A total of £35 thousand damages was claimed, £25 thousand by the Corporation and £10 thousand by Mr Hendricks. While the Cypriot newspapers, "Eleftheria" and "Ethnos" gave prominent mention of the libel action in their 24 Oct 53 issues, "Neos Demokratikos" contained nothing regarding the action in either the 24 or 25 Oct 53 copies.

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